

Amendments to the Claims:

Claim 15 is cancelled and claim 13 is amended. Claims 19 and 20 are added

Listing of Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior version, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1 to 8 (Cancelled).

61 9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, wherein said vehicle includes a supply voltage unit for supplying a supply voltage and electrical systems, the method comprising a further step of maintaining the parking brake braking force even when the
5 supply voltage for the electrical systems of the vehicle is switched off.

10. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, wherein said vehicle includes a supply voltage and an electrical system, the method comprising a further step of maintaining the neutral position or the park position of the transmission when the supply
5 voltage for the electrical systems of the vehicle is switched off; and, only then leaving the position of the transmission when the start-drive command of the driver is recognized.

11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, comprising a

further step of interrupting the force flow after a predetermined time has elapsed after detection of standstill.

Claim 12 (Cancelled).

13. (Currently Amended) A method for ensuring standstill of a vehicle in combination with an adaptive road speed controller of the vehicle, the vehicle including a drive train incorporating an automatic transmission which provides and interrupts a force flow in the drive train, the method comprising the steps of:

61 measuring at least the distance of said vehicle to an object ahead of said vehicle;

activating the engine control or the braking control of said vehicle in dependence upon said distance and a desired value so that said vehicle can be braked to standstill;

building up and/or maintaining a braking force in the manner of a parking brake function when said standstill of said vehicle is detected;

interrupting the force flow in the drive train of said vehicle by controlling an automatic transmission into a neutral position or a park position;

detecting a start-drive command of the driver when an ~~said~~ operator-controlled element is actuated; ~~and,~~

disengaging said parking brake function and controlling said automatic transmission out of said neutral position or said park position when said start-drive command is ~~detected~~ detected; and,

activating said adaptive road speed controller in response to an actuation of said operator-controlled element by the

driver.

14. (Currently Amended) An arrangement for ensuring standstill of a vehicle in combination with an adaptive road speed controller of the vehicle, the vehicle including a drive train incorporating an automatic transmission which provides and
5 interrupts a force flow in the drive train, the arrangement comprising a control unit which executes the following steps:

measuring at least the distance of said vehicle to an object ahead of said vehicle;

activating the engine control or the braking control of said
10 vehicle in dependence upon said distance and a desired value so that said vehicle can be braked to standstill;

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building up and/or maintaining a braking force in the manner of a parking brake function when said standstill of said vehicle is detected;

15 interrupting the force flow in the drive train of said vehicle by controlling an automatic transmission into a neutral position or a park position;

activating said adaptive road speed controller in response to an actuation by the driver of an operator-controlled element;

20 detecting a start-drive command of the driver when said operator-controlled element is actuated; and,

disengaging said parking brake function and controlling said automatic transmission out of said neutral position or said park position when said start-drive command is detected.

15. (Cancelled).

16. (Cancelled).

17. (Previously Presented) The arrangement of claim 14, wherein said operator-controlled element is a switch of the adaptive road speed controller.

18. (Cancelled).

6¹ 19. (New) A method for ensuring standstill of a vehicle in combination with an adaptive road speed controller of the vehicle, the method comprising the steps of:

5 measuring at least the distance of said vehicle to an object ahead of said vehicle;

activating the engine control or the braking control of said vehicle in dependence upon said distance and a desired value so that said vehicle can be braked to standstill;

10 building up and/or maintaining a braking force in the manner of a parking brake function when said standstill of said vehicle is detected;

detecting a start-drive command of the driver when said operator-controlled element is actuated;

15 activating said adaptive road speed controller in response to actuation by the driver of an operator-controlled element; and,

disengaging said parking brake function when said start-drive command is detected.

20. (New) An arrangement for ensuring standstill of a vehicle

in combination with an adaptive road speed controller of the vehicle, the arrangement comprising a control unit which executes the following steps:

5 measuring at least the distance of said vehicle to an object ahead of said vehicle;

61 activating the engine control or the braking control of said vehicle in dependence upon said distance and a desired value so that said vehicle can be braked to standstill;

10 building up and/or maintaining a braking force in the manner of a parking brake function when said standstill of said vehicle is detected;

 detecting a start-drive command of the driver when said operator-controlled element is actuated;

15 activating said adaptive road speed controller in response to an actuation by the driver of an operator-controlled element;

 disengaging said parking brake function when said start-drive command is detected.